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Dear Admiral V. L. Lowrance  
Director Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Lowrance:

As part of our research to establish the level of Sino-Soviet Bloc military expenditures, we have completed a study on the cost of Bloc naval ship construction. We should like to coordinate this study with ONI and are enclosing copies, in draft form, for your review. It is my understanding that the authors of this report have

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You will recall coordinating a similar study, ONR Project No. 33.3196, last year. Inasmuch as our plans include estimation of Bloc military expenditures on a continuing basis, we shall be asking you to coordinate similar reports in the future. The estimates of naval ship construction used in our reports are consistent with updated National Estimates which should facilitate coordination.

Our target date for publication of this report is 1 June 1962. We would therefore like to have your comments no later than 15 May 1962. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Otto E. Gathe  
Assistant Director

**Enclosure:**

Draft Study on "Estimate of  
the Construction and Value  
of Naval Ships Constructed  
by the Sino-Soviet Bloc,  
1961" (ONR Project No.  
33.3435)(TSD)(3 copies) SC 05390/62

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